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UMW Buys Up The Block



Elizabeth Nowrouz/Bullet

The University recently bid on two houses on the corner of William St. and College Avenue with a combined value of nearly \$4 million. The sales are now contingent on approval from Governor Tim Kaine, which is expected in March.

By **STACY HORNE**
Staff Writer

After two years sitting vacant, the \$2.5 million home on the corner of College Avenue and William St. may soon have an owner: the University of Mary Washington.

On Tuesday, sellers accepted the contract for the house at 1201 William St. which boasts more than 8,300 sq. ft. of living space, including a climate-controlled wine cellar, media room and an exercise room

with a sauna. It also has an elevator that services all three levels.

The University also recently acquired the house next door, at 1004 College Avenue, which was listed for \$1.125 million.

The University plans to use the space for offices.

Because it is a state-supported school, the sales of both homes are now contingent on approval from Governor Tim Kaine, which is expected in March. While the governor must approve the sales, the state

does not contribute any money to the purchases.

"We will use some funds from our contingency fund and borrow the rest," said Richard Hurley, vice president for administration and finance.

The house on William Street was built with the intention of being sold at auction, but at the June 2004 auction, the highest bid was \$1.6 million.

The builder, Paul Sukalo of Southern Comfort Homes, rejected

that offer and, soon after, put the house on the market for \$2.5 million.

Parking might be a problem for the property in the future. There is a two-car garage but very little available off-street parking.

"Parking is always an issue, especially downtown," said Long & Foster real estate agent, Anna Lee. "When the house was being built, a lot of people in the community assumed that the college [UMW]

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Feline Rescue Fiasco

Student Attempts At Saving Treed Cat Result In Conflict, Possible Sanctions

By **LAUREN BIRNEY**
Staff Writer

A UMW student may face charges for not complying with campus police after trying to rescue a cat from a tree on campus on Sunday, Jan. 21. Sophomore Jeff May had volunteered to ascend a tree after the local fire department, campus police and animal control declined to help.

Animal Rights Club member Meghan Coyle, who witnessed the cat being chased up the tree early in the afternoon by dogs, returned to the site several times throughout the day to ensure that the cat was still alive.

"I waited around with it for 10 minutes to see if I could coax it down but it was at a very awkward position (about 25 feet up in the air) and didn't want to move around from the branch that was securing it," Coyle said.

Later on, she said, the cat had moved farther up the tree to a height of roughly 50 feet.

Multiple students made phone calls to the emergency and non-emergency police, fire department and the animal control center. Citing other preoccupations with car accidents and emergencies due to the inclement weather, the authorities made it clear that their priorities were saving human lives over the animal.

As for animal control, according to Coyle, "Apparently so many different people called the Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg area animal control people that the campus police came down and told everyone that if we called one more time we would get summoned because whenever animal control was called the police were no-

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Mace Now Banned On Campus

By **EMILY FRANK**
Contributing Writer

On a campus whose devotion to safety is as evident as the blue lights on every corner, some would be surprised to learn that mace and pepper spray are strictly prohibited in dining and residence halls.

This prohibition was listed in the 2006 Housing and Dining Services Contract and has been in effect for several years, although many are unaware of the rule.

Director of University Police James Snipes fully supports this mandate, arguing that, unless an individual is properly trained in using chemical defense weapons, they usually do more harm than good.

The University has no plans to offer training sessions on the use of chemical defense sprays.

According to Lieutenant David Cooper, training involves being sprayed, and because of liability issues the University will not offer such training.

"Being sprayed hurts," Cooper said.

"After I was sprayed I later told my wife that if someone was acting up and wouldn't cooperate I'd rather shoot them, because it wouldn't hurt as

"It has always been a policy at all the schools I've worked at," Porter said. "We have to prohibit all kinds of things because they are not appropriate for high density living situations. Because of allergies and the air flow systems in the dorms, we could have a lot of problems if something like that went off in a building."

Many students carry mace or pepper spray anyway despite the prohibition, including sophomore Maggie Smith.

"Although I personally do not carry pepper spray with me, I think people should be allowed to do so," Smith said. "It can make many women feel more safe and confident, especially when they are walking through campus alone. I know there are the 'blue lights' but they aren't as reassuring as a can of pepper spray in



Beth Wilkins/Bullet

A UMW police officer demonstrates the proper use of mace.

much." Christine Porter, director of residence life and housing, says the prohibition of mace and other harmful chemicals was a University policy when she joined the staff in 1999.

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Underuse An Issue For Parking Deck

By **GRACIE HART**
Contributing Writer

It was an early Tuesday afternoon and the recently-opened parking deck at the University of Mary Washington resembled a ghost town. The first and second levels of the garage had only ten cars parked in them combined, and only 146 spaces are filled in the garage built to house 440 cars. Meanwhile, the lot on Sunken Road is full and College Avenue has one remaining space available.

After opening on Aug. 27, the nearly \$6 million parking deck has been the topic of heated discussion for students and the administration alike. Initially hailed as the answer to the parking problem on campus, the deck has had little impact on resolving the issue.

Vice President of Facilities Services John Wiltenmuth said while, to his knowledge, there has been no formal audit of use for the deck, there have

been "anecdotal reports that on many class days it was less than half occupied during the fall semester."

Senior commuter student Lucas Aylor can attest to that.

"I park in the deck Monday through Friday from about 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and it has never been the case that I have seen all the spaces on any floor totally filled," he said.

Despite its underuse, he admits that the deck has made parking less of a burden.

"It is good to know that when I get to school I will be able to find a parking space and that I won't be driving around for a half hour to find a space on campus," Aylor said.

Until recently, only commuters were permitted to park in the deck between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. However, since December, faculty and staff are also allowed to park in the deck during those hours. Out of the 146 occupied

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5 Day Forecast



Today

P.M. Snow

High: 33
Low: 30



Friday

Snow Showers

High: 48
Low: 30



Saturday

Partly Cloudy

High: 45
Low: 22



Sunday

Mostly Cloudy

High: 39
Low: 19



Monday

Partly Cloudy

High: 38
Low: 15

Verbatim...

"Freddies" are the natives who settled here first, until we took over part of their land in 1908.

—Tierney Plumb, page 9

NEWS SHORTS

WORLD

Baghdad: Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri Al-Maliki has said he is convinced that recent attacks on U.S. forces in Iraq have been the work of Iran. He expressed his plea that the two countries solve their problems outside of Iraq. "We will not accept Iran to use Iraq to attack the American forces," al-Maliki told CNN, adding "we don't want the American forces to take Iraq as a field to attack Iran or Syria."

—cnn.com

Frankfurt, Germany: A German court has issued an arrest warrant for 13 people they claim to be C.I.A. agents. Prosecutors say that the team of agents kidnapped a German citizen of Lebanese descent in Macedonia. They say he was flown to Afghanistan and imprisoned, tortured and investigated for five months before being released with no charges. The C.I.A. has not acknowledged any role in the case.

—nytimes.com

Greece: Some 55 nuns have fled their convent and gone into hiding after amassing nearly \$800,000 in debt from their knitting business. The nuns are believed to have been taken in at another convent and the Greek Orthodox Church has offered to help them pay their debt if they will come out of hiding

—nytimes.com



NATION

New Orleans: Bill Cosby has been active in work to improve the public schools of the state, some of which have yet to be reopened. He spoke to a group of students at an area high school, calling the paltry funds provided for the schools "a great disrespect for children" who attend them. He is currently working with groups to push more state-funded aid.

—cnn.com

Marianna, Fla.: Four people are dead after a shootout that officials believe was targeted at a Florida sheriff's home. Among the dead are the sheriff's wife, a deputy responding to the call and the two suspects. Police believe this was a planned assault, and the sheriff, who was in the home at the time, was not injured.

—cnn.com

Pequannock, N.J.:

A school district in the state has planned to institute random urine tests for students to see whether they have consumed alcohol in the last 80 hours. The plan has caused controversy among civil liberties. The program is to be funded by a federal grant amounting to \$120,000.

—cnn.com

WEIRD

Chapel Hill, N.C.: The admissions office from the University of Carolina at Chapel Hill accidentally sent 2,700 letters of admission to students who have not been accepted. The e-mail was intended to be sent to request midyear grades from students already accepted to the school, and the admissions office sent a follow-up e-mail apologizing for the mistake.

—AP

Warwick, R.I.: The Saint Rose of Lima School, a Catholic elementary, has established a new rule that requires students to remain silent during lunch. The new rule is in response to three recent choking incidents in the school's cafeteria. Students who do not follow the rule will receive a lunch detention.

—AP

North Bonneville, Wash.: A man who admitted to using a stun gun on his wife's mother-in-law has been arrested for domestic assault. After a dispute in regarding the man's son, the woman refused to leave and he shocked her on the shoulder. "If I had to do it over again, I wouldn't," the man said.

—AP

Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
Editor In Chief



Jan. 24—At 12:20 p.m., a 22-year-old female resident of the apartments reported to police that someone stole her parking decal from her car. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Jan. 25—At 12:40 p.m., 18-year-old female resident of Russell Hall reported to police that someone stole her bike, valued at \$60, from in front of Russell Hall. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is

under investigation.

Jan. 26—At 12:52 a.m., police received a report of a drunk student in Mason Hall. An officer arrived to find a 19-year-old female resident of Mason Hall severely intoxicated and sick as a result. According to police, Fredericksburg Rescue Squad transported the student to Mary Washington Hospital.

Jan. 27—At 1:28 a.m., police received a report of a suspicious male

in the area of Monroe Hall. An officer identified the male as a 19-year-old resident of Alvey Hall. According to police, the student was in possession of alcohol but was not intoxicated. Police referred the student to the administration for possession of alcohol.

Jan. 28—At 9:52 p.m., police received a report that there were students smoking marijuana on Sunken Road near Monroe Drive. Campus police, accompanied by Fredericks-

burg City police, apprehended two males. Fredericksburg police took the males into questioning. According to police, the two males admitted to smoking marijuana, but had none on their person, and gave police the names of their friends who had also been smoking. Police referred five 18-year-old male residents of Mason Hall, one 19-year-old resident of Alvey Hall and one 18-year-old male resident of Alvey Hall to the administration.

Mace, Pepper Spray Considered Liabilities

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your pocket."

A female junior agreed, but wished to remain anonymous for fear of sanctions.

"We go to a school with a large female population that is located in the middle of a city, so I feel a little safer with my pepper spray in my purse," she said.

The punishment for a student who is caught with mace or pepper spray varies depending on the situation.

"Most of the times the student will be asked to take the illegal item home during the next break," Porter said. "If they do not comply with the University's request then matters are taken to the office of judicial affairs."

Raymond Tuttle, director of judicial affairs, said that the sanctions for an incident involving mace or pepper spray could range anywhere from a verbal warning to school expulsion, depending on the circumstances.

"Obviously is a student used it on another student for no reason, that could be considered assault, but if a student uses it in self defense, that's a different situation," Tuttle said. "But in my ten years working here I have never had a case of mace or pepper spray being used by a student or by the police against a student."

Mace is a tear gas in the form of an aerosol spray which forces the eyes shut due to intense pain. It can also cause tearing and sometimes temporary blindness.

The effects can last from 30 minutes to two hours, depending of the individual. Since it is an irritant some people may not be affected by it while others can build a tolerance to it.

Snipes has heard stories of criminals who will repeatedly expose themselves to mace in order to become resilient to it.

Mace is no longer being used as frequently as it used to be; in its place is pepper spray, another type of a chemical defense weapon.

Pepper spray is an inflammatory; it creates a physiological reaction that cannot be controlled, so it is impossible to build up a tolerance to it.

Some people may not be affected by OC spray at all, but they are very rare. The effects of pepper spray force the eyes shut, cause

coughing and restricted breathing and a burning sensation on the skin. The effects usually wear off after 45 minutes.

University police made the switch from mace to pepper spray in 2005 because pepper spray is more effective and the effects do not last as long.

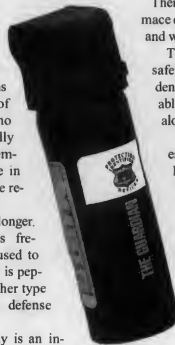
There are other options besides mace or pepper spray for the men and women of UMW.

The University police offer a safety escort service for students who do not feel comfortable walking through campus alone at night.

To get in contact with the escort service call extension 1025 or use one of the blue light phones on campus.

Sharon Mullen, a University police officer, also teaches a free self-defense class called RAD, which stands for Rape Aggression Defense.

Until this year, Mullen was only able to offer the class to women but after a summer training program she has now been certified to teach men as well. The class is four four-hour sessions that takes place over the course of two weeks. For more information, e-mail Mullen at smullen@umw.edu.



OTHER ITEMS TO LEAVE AT HOME:

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| * EXPLOSIVES | * HAZARDOUS |
| * HALOGEN LAMPS | CHEMICALS |
| * CANDLES | * MOPEDS |
| * INCENSE | * PETS |
| * FLAME THROWERS | * ANTENNAE |
| * POTPOURRI | * WATERBEDS |
| BURNERS | * SWITCHBLADES |

—Taken from the UMW Housing and Dining Contract

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Tumbleweeds Spotted On Deck

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spaces in the deck on Tuesday, none of them had faculty/staff decals.

Meanwhile, residential students continue to have trouble finding parking on campus.

"It's a pain," said sophomore Kristin Caulfield. "I usually park in the lot at the apartments if there is a space there, or at the Battlegrounds. I've gotten a \$25 ticket for being parked in an unclearly marked lot on the weekend."

With the deck's lack of use more than evident, changes are likely, and will be discussed by a parking committee at the end of the year.

"I except to see some changes," said Lt. David Cooper of UMW Police. "I understand that the deck is not being fully utilized."

Lacrosse coach Dana Hall, who recently held practice in the near-vacant deck, agreed that changes to parking would be beneficial to everyone.

"Sophomores should be allowed to park in the parking deck so that the spaces in front of Goodrick [Gym] can be freed up for the spectators that come to watch games at the gym," Hall said.

Sophomore Kathryn Carter argued

that if commuters are not making use of the deck, it should be opened to residential students.

"I think that commuters should have to park in the deck," Carter said. Other designated commuter spots on campus are more popular, particularly

The under use of the parking deck particularly stings because of its steep price tag.

"The nearly \$6 million for the construction of the parking deck came from institutional bonds. It is now being paid back from assessed park-

the bond.

Although parking was free until Sept. 2004, decal fees have increased every year since. This year, students paid \$200 for their decals, while faculty and staff continue to park for free. According to Richard Pearce, the associate vice president of business and finance, there have been about 1,550 decals sold this year, amounting to approximately \$294,000 in sales.

While many students complain about the high price of parking on campus, they will be relieved to learn that there are no plans for a fee increase.

"At this point, there has been nothing official saying that the fee for obtaining a parking decal will increase," Cooper said.

The current traffic violation revenue, which also goes to paying off the deck, amounts to \$46,090, according to Pearce.

Due to the beginning of major construction on campus, the parking deck is expected to see more usage in coming weeks.

"We expect that the onset of construction for the renovation/addition to Lee Hall will dramatically shift parking patterns on campus and will result in higher utilization of the deck," Wiltenmuth said.



Christine Cwalina/Bulletin

The \$6 million parking deck, which opened in August, is perpetually unfilled, as residential students fight for spots. Administrators will discuss changes to parking patterns at the end of the year.

on College Avenue "If they [the commuters] can park elsewhere, we should be allowed to park in the deck, too."

ing fees," Wiltenmuth said. According to a 2005 audit report, the University has until 2026 to pay off

Viewpoints

Editorial

Fitness Center Not Fit

It's the beginning of a new year, which can only mean one thing: resolutions.

Three weeks ago, the students of Mary Washington returned to campus with renewed vigor, vowing to quit smoking, do better in classes or lose the "Freshman 15."

However, the students included in the go-to-the-gym resolution pool have met with some glaring technical difficulties.

The majority of the electric exercise machines in the Fitness Center do not work.

Due to a recent reorganization of the machines in the upper-level of the fitness center, the electrical circuits frequently overload, shutting off power to the machines.

What does this say about an institution that exists in a world where 11 to 15 percent of all deaths are linked to a lack of exercise?

According to the Fitness Center Web site, an average of 700 people use the gym on weekdays, with the majority of students using cardio equipment.

On any given day, the majority of the treadmills are out of commission, in addition to other exercise machines.

According to a statement released by Bob Liebau, associate director of campus recreation and fitness center, the new arrangement of the machines has "magnified an electrical wiring problem that was not known until now."

It would seem natural that a facility that cost the University a little over \$3.2 million to complete would have the means to function in its entirety.

Here's to hoping that students can remember their resolutions long enough to actually have the opportunity to see them through.

Labor Rights Club Seeks Support For Code Of Conduct

By PHIL ARNONE and SYLVIA SIERRA
Guest Columnists

On Monday in the Virginia State Senate, a bill to increase the state minimum wage from the federal minimum of \$5.15 an hour to \$6.50 was unanimously passed through committee.

On the national level, democrats are proposing to take action to increase the federal minimum wage after ten years of no increase.

The past decade of stagnation has caused tremendous hardships for low-wage workers and their families, and it is tremendously gratifying to see some alleviation of their hardship on the horizon.

In addition to these larger efforts, students, workers, and faculty of the Living Wage Campaign have been working for the past three years to better the situations of low-wage workers employed at the University of Mary Washington.

After overcoming stiff resistance from the administration, the Living Wage Campaign has succeeded in somewhat alleviating workers' problems by finally convincing the administration to raise workers' wages above the poverty level.

Before the hard-won wage increase, the workers at UMW had not been granted a raise since 2000, despite the huge increases in the cost of living in the Fredericksburg area during that time.

These low wages have forced many workers



Courtesy Phil Arnone

to live far from the school, or to work multiple jobs just to make ends meet.

Despite ongoing problems with the administration about the full implementation of the agreed-upon wage increase, the small victory for the Living Wage Campaign has inspired the students of the campaign to form the Labor Rights Club to expand the campaign.

After many consultations with workers at Seacobeck and the Eagles Nest, we have learned

that many of the same problems that have been affecting the University's employees are also affecting Sodexo employees.

During these meetings, members of the Labor Rights Club and Sodexo workers have faced intimidation tactics and harassment from Sodexo management.

In order to ensure that workers' rights are respected at our university, the Labor Rights Club is calling for the university to adopt a Campus Labor Code of Conduct.

If adopted, this code of conduct will allow workers to pursue their rights without intimidation from the University and Sodexo. Workers will be able to express their views on issues such as collective bargaining and union representation without the fear of harassment or termination.

We are not asking for any special treatment for employees. We are just asking that the law be respected.

We did not expect to have to ask the University to adopt a Campus Labor Code of Conduct because we did not expect the flagrant violation of labor law that we have experienced on campus, but we hope that the University will cooperate with us in our effort to see that workers' rights are respected on campus, and will remember that our University serves as a model for the rest of the community and for the state of Virginia.

Phil Arnone is a junior. Sylvia Sierra is a sophomore.



Photo Courtesy: Phil Arnone

Last year, students from the Labor Rights Club joined with workers and others to call for a campus living wage.

Where Oh Where Is My Pocko?

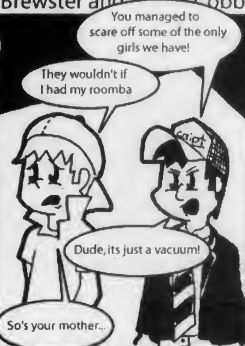
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Features

Living Learning Programs To See Changes In Residence Hall Policy

By Elizabeth Hillgrove
Staff Writer

The International Living Center, which has been in Framar House since 1997, may be relocated. The program, now called Living Learning Communities (LLC), requires students to complete a new process to remain in their assigned residence halls.

Chris Porter, Director of Residence Life and Housing, hopes the change will make living-learning programs more student-motivated.

"The point is to provide different opportunities for students to create their own LLCs," Porter said.

The new process requires each group to include at least 8 students who are interested in a living-learning community.

have organized a petition of student signatures, hoping to have the policy changed.

"They are trying to boost other programs but they're going to ruin something strong that's already established: the ILC," said Humeira Akbar, an honor contact for the group.

However, Porter said before she arrived at UMW, groups had to reapply every year, giving presentations to a committee.

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“*I was disgusted, completely taken aback.*”

Michelle Welcher

They will apply annually with their proposal of an educationally sound program and list their three top choices for placement in residence halls. This is a change to the policy of recent years when these living-learning environments did not need to reapply yearly.

Many residents of Framar House have made complaints to The Office of Residence Life and Housing.

"I was disgusted, completely taken aback," said Michelle Welcher, president of Framar.

The other 20 residents of Framar House were also displeased with the news, which Christopher Medley, resident director and advisor of the LLC groups, personally presented to them. They



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Framar House has been home to the International Living Center since 1997. The group may have to leave at the end of the year due to policy changes within the residence live program.

Punxsutawney Phil: The Groundhog, the Myth, the Legend

By Kay Boatner
Staff Writer

Students at the University of Mary Washington who are still hoping for a snow day may be disappointed on Feb. 2.

Groundhog Day is a festival celebrated throughout the world. According to tradition, a groundhog ventures outside of its burrow and predicts the nature of upcoming weather. If the groundhog sees its shadow, it will retreat in fear back to its hole for six more weeks of winter. If it does not see its shadow, it will remain outside, signaling an early spring.

UMW student opinions vary as to whether or not they would like warmer temperatures in February.

Stephanie Sims, a 21-year-old junior, would actually prefer a longer winter.

"I really want a snow day," Sims said. "I guess in order for that to happen, the groundhog needs to see his shadow."

Sarah Axelson, a 20-year-old junior, hopes the groundhog does not see his shadow.

"An early spring would be great," said Axelson, a UMW

softball player. "We have games coming up and it would be nice to play in warmer weather."

UMW faculty has even gotten in on the debate.

Marie McAllister, an associate professor at the University, took recent environmental issues into account for her decision.

"With global warming so serious a threat to the planet's future, I guess I'd better hope for more winter. Let's wish for the shadow," McAllister said.

One of the most recognized groundhogs is Punxsutawney Phil, from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Phil is one of the first recorded groundhogs to perform in front of a crowd as part of a Groundhog Day celebration, and gave his first official predictions in 1886.

No single groundhog determines if an early spring is on the way, however, and several other notable groundhogs are observed in festivals on Feb. 2, from Staten Island Chuck of New York to Wiarton Willy of Ontario.

Even before Punxsutawney Phil came along, however, Europeans felt that groundhogs possessed supernatural powers on certain days between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. The Romans celebrated these powers by creating Hedgehog Day. When Christianity became popular, the holiday was called Candlemas. Traditions from both holidays merged together to form Groundhog Day, as we know it.

Today, Punxsutawney Phil is kept in a temperature-controlled



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climate in the Punxsutawney Library. On Feb. 2, he is placed into a heated burrow on a platform until he is removed to make his prediction at 7:25 a.m.

Every year a large crowd gathers in Punxsutawney to watch Phil emerge from his burrow. The popularity of the event grows each year. In 1997, around 35,000 visitors attended the celebration in Punxsutawney, a town with a population of only 6,700.

With different groundhogs making contradicting predictions, some people simply tally the results and believe whatever prediction a majority of the groundhogs came to. Others choose to select one groundhog as the true predictor.

When selecting a groundhog to observe, most people choose to follow Punxsutawney Phil, arguably the most prominent of all the groundhogs. Phil has predicted six more weeks of winter for the past six years. The last time he saw his shadow was in 1999. For as long as his predictions have been recorded, he has seen his shadow 96 times and has not seen it 14 times. No record is available for 10 of the 120 years he has been observed.

Activities for the upcoming holiday are already under way in Punxsutawney. Festivities began Jan. 26, and continue up to Phil's performance on Feb. 2.

Judging from Punxsutawney Phil's track record, we may get that snow day after all.

Groundhog Day Fun Facts:

There has been only one Punxsutawney Phil. He has been making predictions for 120 years.

Punxsutawney Phil was named after King Phillip. Before that he was known as Br'er Groundhog.

Phil's predictions are correct 100% of the time...of course.

Thumbs Up...Thumbs Down...



To curing the H.F.



To Jiffin' it.



To the disappearance of Maurice.



To seniors only having 100 days left.

Students Collect Over 150 Shoes For Africa

By MEGAN GRIGORIAN
Staff Writer

Senior Dustin McDonald gets a daily reminder of his charitable cause when he opens his closet every morning only to see more than 100 pairs of shoes piled to the ceiling. As he walks through his apartment there are white trash bags full of shoes everywhere. He opens the closet door for a jacket in the living room, more shoes.

From Thanksgiving to January 29, McDonald has been collecting used, mint condition running shoes for the charity Shoes4Africa. Along with Julian Langa, University of Mary Washington Alum, he set up boxes around campus and other spots in Fredericksburg in hopes of reaching a goal of 120 pairs to be sent to Kenya and Haiti. Reach it they did. With the help of local advertisement on 99.3, donations from the Fredericksburg Running Club, and the UMW student and faculty, they have collected over 150 pairs of shoes.

Although there are variations across the country, McDonald brought this organization to Fredericksburg to provide a charity that college students could handle.

"What's different about it from Toys for Tots or things like that is that college students don't have to spend their money," McDonald said. "Over Thanksgiving or winter break they could pick them up from friends or family. So it seemed like it would be pretty successful compared to the other ones."

Along with UMW, the Fredericksburg community has embraced this charity. The box at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library was always overflowing when

they emptied it on a monthly basis.

According to Langa, running shoes are perfect for the conditions in Africa. Air can travel through them easily in the hot weather, they are more durable than sandals or other types of shoes, and they provide more cushioning for the daily traveling that residents endure for daily necessities.

"These people are walking barefoot in nasty conditions," Langa said. "There are kids that have to walk through mud and sewage for water everyday and mothers and fathers who have to walk ten miles to the market, all barefoot."

McDonald thought that shoes would be good in providing protection against diseases and the natural area that surround the land.

"What's good is that it protects them from poisonous plants, snakes, and parasites," he said.

From here the shoes will be shipped to Charlottesville and Richmond where they will be sorted, cleaned, and shipped to Africa.

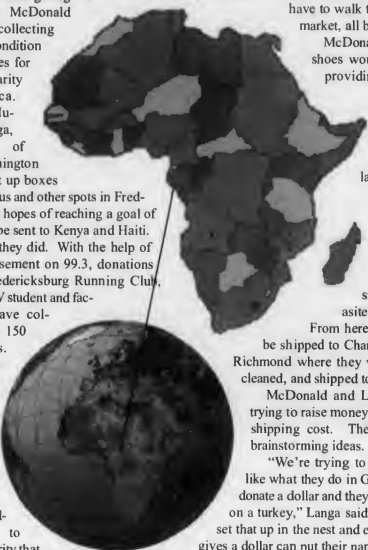
McDonald and Langa are now trying to raise money for the overall shipping cost. They are already brainstorming ideas.

"We're trying to do something like what they do in Giant when you donate a dollar and they put your name on a turkey," Langa said. "We want to set that up in the nest and everybody who gives a dollar can put their name on a shoe."

In addition to Shoes4Africa, McDonald has been busy creating the on campus club Students for Safe Rides. The organization's purpose is to find a way to minimize drunk driving among students.

"We're trying to get local taxi companies to give students a window of time to show their student ID and get a free ride," Langa said. "In return we would put logos of the companies on cups and shirts."

Although still in the organizational stage, the club wants to have something going by next semester.



International Living Center Members May Need To Find A New Home At End Of Year

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This year, after applications are submitted, a committee will interview and evaluate the prospective groups. The committee will determine housing placement depending on the needs of the program and how many interested students the groups can recruit.

Framar House residents are concerned that not having a permanent residence for the ILC will harm the community that they have established as a place where members of different cultures can co-habitate comfortably and diversely. Clubs such as the Islamic Student Association, Spanish and Latin-American Student Association and Students Helping Honduras have met in their common area.

"Having our own home is extremely important," Welcher said. "It sends a message to prospective students that the school cares

enough to have a permanent center for cultural diversity and cultural understanding."

Welcher and ILC resident Elspeth England met with Porter last week to express their concerns. They had also collected previous ILC residents' feedback on the issue to include in their support.

Porter said that the ILC is in a strong position to articulate their reasoning for consideration for Framar House and the group has been assigned someone to work with hand-in-hand throughout the process.

"We want them [ILC] to continue, but

we want them to meet the standard we are setting for everybody," Porter said. "In fairness, it is essential that we open areas to everyone."

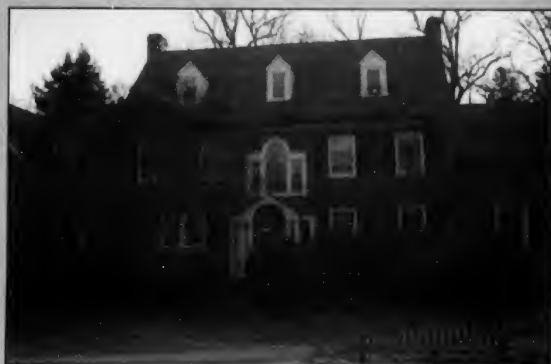
However, ILC members still want to prevent this new annual process from being enforced.

As Akbar puts it, "It ain't over till it's over. Rocky Balboa."

Applications for interested groups are available at Marye House now through Feb. 1.

Completed forms are due Feb. 7.

For more information on applying for programs, contact Christopher Medley in the Office of Residence Life.



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Framar is home to the 21 members of the International Living Center and houses meetings for several other multicultural groups.

You're Killin' Me

A New Column for the Misanthropes of UMW

By KERRI SCALES
Features Editor

Get a Room!

You're enjoying a delicious turkey sandwich at the Eagles Nest...maybe a bag of chips as well. A couple sits down at the table next to you.

She rests her head on his shoulder. He brushes her hair back and kisses her forehead. Pretty soon the two of them are more interested in playing tonsil hockey than eating lunch.



to a certain extent. Holding hands? Not a problem. A peck on the cheek? Adorable. But once my favorite lunch spot is turned into an arena for foreplay, we have a problem. Honestly, if I cared about your relationship I would ask you. There is a time and a place for everything and campus walk

is hardly the spot to be kissing, hugging or petting.

Bottom line is, I get it. I see that you're in love and the mere thought of not being

physically close to your mate may send you into spirals. But for the sake of the rest of us, give it a rest. As far as I know, we don't come into your bedroom and show off our skills at geometry so please keep your bedroom antics where they belong...behind closed doors.

Something really grinding your gears?
Tell us about it...send your emails to kscal1un@umw.edu

Bogey's Offers Beer, Flare, Music And More

By STEFANIE SKY
Assistant Features Editor

It was another Tuesday and another bar for eight UMW ladies celebrating another girl's night out.

The bar of choice this week, Bogey's in Central Park.

My three roommates, Taylor, Lindsey and I started off our evening at Cheeseburger in

Paradise with a few island cocktails while we waited for the rest of our group to show up.

After a few rounds of drinks and some home-made bourbon fudge (made by the manager as a special surprise for us since everyone in our party worked there except me), we piled into two cars and headed to Bogey's.

It was around 11 p.m. when we filed into the bar and the first thing I notice is a man; and he was juggling.

"They have a juggler," I said to the other girls as we were all being asked to show our IDs. "Why do they have a juggler?"

I'm not known for being the one in the group with the most common sense as was pointed out to me when I was told that there was a bartender flare competition going on, hence the bottles and glasses being thrown up into the air.

We made our way to a back table and did some rearranging of the furniture so that we could all fit.

After getting settled we ordered what some people call a bong, but can easily be described as a long clear tube that holds about eight or nine beers with a tap attached at the bottom.

The cocktail waitress brings a stand to the table and places the bong filled with your beer of choice into the base, hands you frosted glasses and you're free to pour and drink as you please.

At only \$17, it's a great deal and you don't have to wait on a bartender to fill up your glass.

We poured our beers and watched the flare competition that had gotten under way.

There were bartenders from all over that were competing in the contest, including Bob Taylor, who came all



Courtesy of Lindsey Painter

Stefanie Sky pours herself a beer out of a bong. Otherwise known as a long, clear tube that holds about eight or nine beers.

the way from Chicago.

"I was asked to come out and do the show," Taylor said. "I'm more into judging the competitions now but I still do flare competitions and I also give speeches."

Taylor has traveled all over the world for flare competitions including Costa Rica, Hawaii, Mexico City and almost every major city in the United States.

Good music, beer bongs, flare competitions, a full crowd and only having to show my ID once at the door made Bogey's a great place for a ladies night out.

Entertainment

Professor Displays Art In DuPont

By MATT ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

Less than one year after Claudia Emerson, associate professor of English, made headlines by earning the Pulitzer Prize for her book of poetry, "Late Wife," another University of Mary Washington professor has earned acclaim of his own. Mary Washington adjunct art instructor, Scott Ligon, recently opened his exhibit, "Painting by Numbers: Digital Works by Scott Ligon" in the duPont Gallery on College Avenue. "Painting by Numbers" features digital artwork by Ligon that he painted on a computer using a graphics tablet and stylus (a pencil-like controller that acts like a paint brush). The exhibit kicked off with an opening reception last Thursday, Jan. 25, in the University's duPont Gallery. Many patrons, both Mary Washington students and local Fredericksburg residents, came and perused through the exhibit, while Ligon, a Mary Washington alumnus himself, answered their questions and humbly received their congratulations.

"I think people might have the perception of digital art as being cold or machine-like and I'd like people to see how organic it is...the possibilities are really limitless," Ligon said about his craft.

Ligon's work has been exhibited at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and his other alma mater, the Maryland Institute College of Art.

Thursday's reception culminated with Ligon's screening of his short animated film, "Escape Velocity," which explores the connection between Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and creativity. "Painted" in the style of his digital paintings and edited in an impulsive, ADD-like fashion, the film is autobiographical, so Ligon found motivation in his own life, specifically when he discovered that his son was diagnosed with ADHD.

"I don't like referring to ADHD as a disability...in fact, I believe there are enabling benefits to ADD," said Ligon about the Disorder.

Ligon admits that he too lives with ADD (the terms ADD and ADHD are often used inter-



Beth Wilkins/Bulletin

changeably), and this type of honesty rings true throughout his film as he unabashedly pokes fun at himself with humorous rhetoric.

"Escape Velocity" has won a trophy case full of awards and acclamation including "Best Experimental Film" at the USA Film Festival. The film has been shown at numerous film festivals all over the globe and is scheduled to be shown at least once a week at future film festivals throughout the country. The film attracted so much attention, in fact, that Shorts International, the largest distributor of short films in the world, signed a deal with Ligon to distribute it on DVD and eventually on iTunes.

The warmth, gentle nature and profound cre-

ativity of Ligon, however, serve as the centerpiece of the exhibit. In fact, after the screening, Ligon offered to give away copies of the movie on DVD to everyone who attended the screening. Ligon successfully provides a window into his own mind and heart through his multi-layered artwork. Ligon teaches digital art and design classes and frequently lectures on the subjects of creativity, filmmaking, and digital fine art.

To find out more about Ligon and his artwork, go to ligon-art.com. The DVD of "Escape Velocity" will soon be available from Shorts International and information pertaining to its release is also available at his Web site.

"Painting by Numbers: Digital Works by Scott Ligon" will be on display until Feb. 11 in the duPont Gallery

GRE and Pash Rock Downtown F-Burg

By AARON RICHARDSON
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Rocking long into the night, University of Mary Washington bands Pash, Jinxed at Twelve and Grave-Robbing Extravaganza (GRE) shook The Loft in downtown Fredericksburg to its very foundation on Jan. 18.

Organized by Jinxed at Twelve, Pash lead guitarist Erik Bruner-Yang and The Loft, the show boasted an impressive crowd who came to support the bands and have their eardrums thoroughly ravaged by rock.

"Jinxed at Twelve (the opener) actually booked the show and asked us to play," Bruner-Yang said. "From there I took over and got GRE on the bill as well to help make it a really fun show."

GRE lead guitarist and UMW sophomore Colin Deyman was pleased with the turnout.

"About 130 people came out, which was really

sweet," Deyman said. "I honestly couldn't believe how many people showed up, especially since we didn't go on until 11:30."

The Loft is a small venue, making a crowd of 130 feel enormous.

"It was a very crazy atmosphere to play in," said GRE rhythm guitarist and UMW junior Christian Tenney. "The Loft is so intimate and intense, and you can feel every part of the show in your gut."

The large crowd buzzed with excitement as alternative rockers Pash took the stage at 10:30 p.m. Pash played an energetic 40-minute set composed entirely of original songs. Musically precise and powerful, Pash was extremely entertaining to watch live. Their sound is set off by the vocals of UMW alumna Mer Munoz, whose high-pitched vocals cut through and complement the complicated guitar and drum parts. Female vocalists are

rare, and Munoz adds a unique and identifying sound.

The crowd responded to the band's energy with a lively dance floor at the front of the stage. Each song was met with enormous applause, and it was obvious that Pash has a loyal home crowd. The well-composed songs demonstrate acres of talent. Pash's loyal following is a result of a busy show schedule.

"We play a ton of shows a month and the best way to keep posted is to join our Facebook group or our MySpace at myspace.com/pashva," Bruner-Yang said.

Even between bands, the crowd stayed talkative and tireless. Noise levels were a little different between when Pash was playing and when they weren't. No level of crowd noise could have prepared anyone for the aural brutality that is Grave-Robbing Extravaganza.

Excitement began to build very quickly as the band set up their equipment. Lead singer and bassist Lewis Koppenhafer, a UMW junior, briefly greeted the crowd before the band unleashed their fury.

GRE is quintessentially metal, tackling such hard-core subject matter as a life-and-death battle between a squid and a sperm whale, and zombies. Their sound features a two-guitar attack by Tenney and Deyman, complete with finger-tapping and sweet arpeggios, de-rigueur for their style of music.

While many will write off heavy metal as taking no skill, GRE prove that immense talent is required to do it well. When the guitarists are not ripping face-melting solos, Koppenhafer's bass work bends the mind. Junior Evan Henry's drumming is equally as intense as the strings, adding a solid groundwork to build from. Watching the band members work together leaves no doubt of each person's virtuosity and contribution to the whole.



Image courtesy of Pash

GRE's set culminated with the debut of their ten-minute epic "Laudanum..." which moves along similarly to a piece of classical music with as much intricacy and depth.

"It was an incredible challenge to get the song together and play by the time of the show, but we, and from what we could gather, the crowd, were very satisfied with the effort," Tenney said.

The show was a success in the eyes of the bands and the crowd. When the concert ended after midnight, all the talk was in regards to GRE's ferocious set and Pash's energy.

"Erik did a sweet job with the sound, and it was a whole lot of fun playing with [Pash], any band should want to play with them," Deyman said.



Image courtesy of Christine Chapman

"How many children do you need to consume before achieving full bassicity? Twelve, but that night I only had eight," said GRE bassist Lewis Koppenhafer (above) on his performance January 18th. Erik Bruner-Yang chomps down on the glasses of his bandmate (above right).

Check out the bands at:

myspace.com/pashva

myspace.com/graverobbingextravaganza

myspace.com/jinxedattwelve

the Spotlight

By ALEX BEMISH
Staff Writer

"Sex Packets" by Digital Underground (1990)

What it is:

The masterpiece of oft-overlooked Bay Area hip-hop crew Digital Underground, most famous for "Humpty Hump" and backup dancer Tupac Shakur.

Why you should care:

Hailing from Oakland, Calif., Digital Underground were one of the last "Golden-Age" hip-hop groups. In 1990, a year after both N.W.A. and De La Soul made their masterpieces (*Straight Outta Compton* and *3 Feet High and Rising* respectively), *Sex Packets* was released. The album acts a kind of combination of those two albums, since the Underground comes, with a mix of the former's menace and the latter's whimsy. Yet this mix is also supplied with a raunchy edge.

Most of this record focuses on sex and various forms of "good times." Sometimes, it does veer into the offensive (the misogynistic "Gutfest '89" and the hostile "Danger Zone"), but the main goal of the record is on the party atmosphere. This emphasis is best seen on two highlights of the album: the opener "The Humpty Dance" and "Doowutchyalike," an eight-minute jam with a funny intermission.

"The Humpty Dance," the most famous song by the group, gives the manifesto early on. It also introduces the character Humpty Hump (the alias of leader Greg "Shock G" Jacobs), a clown that



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has no problem expressing his sexual prowess despite being ugly. After meeting him, the listener is given a number of other wild characters, all done in the vein of Parliament-Funkadelic (where DU got most of their samples from). "Doowutchyalike" expands on all of this with greater gusto. The album then concludes with a mini-concept suite (made of five songs) about a futuristic drug that creates sexual hallucinations to prevent AIDS in a style similar to Prince.

While the lyrics occasionally lack bite (especially since this is from over 17 years ago), the music is what's important here. The historical context is that DU was doing "G-Funk" before Dr. Dre popularized it on 1992's *The Chronic*. Dr. Dre used the style for "gangsta rap" during the mid-90's, though, as opposed to DU's general goofiness. Despite the sexual explicitness of the rhymes and the occasional dip into cornball humor, the main reason to listen to this is see the end of hip-hop's focus on having fun before it became all about thug posturing.

Who would like it:

Those who like old-school hip-hop, G-Funk, or the more eccentric side of rap (Outkast, Cee-Lo Green). The easily offended or those bothered by excessive raunchiness might want to stay away though.

Next week's review will be *Roxy Music* by Roxy Music (1972).



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"At
least I'm not the
one having sex
with my cousin."

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to
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The best overheard of the
month wins a dozen free
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-Submitted by
sophomore Sarah
Cobler

Top 5 Reasons For Class Cancellation

By CAITLIN COGGINS
Staff Writer

1. Zombie Attack

These undead losers can make getting to class a pretty annoying inconvenience. First of all, you have to understand the potential consequences of venturing outside in the middle of a zombie attack. If anyone has seen "Dawn of the Dead," not only do they comprehend these consequences, but they should also know that navigating your way through an area infested with zombies requires a great deal of skill and not losing your head. Literally. While for some students, this particular set of skills may come naturally, for others it can be a bit of a challenge. It is in the administration's best interest to cancel class to avoid a high student mortality rate, until the zombies have been removed from campus walk.



2. Murderer Loose on Campus

Much like a zombie attack, a mass murderer loose on campus can really make getting to class a pretty dangerous task. Although less showy than a zombie attack, an escapee from prison is a pretty sure-fire way of getting class cancelled. Especially if this escapee is an actual murderer. Although a regular escaped criminal will probably do the job, an actual murderer has a 100 percent chance of class cancellation. Professors and students alike don't want to risk going outside while a criminal is loose. Everyone will want to stay in either their houses or dorms until the murderer is apprehended.

3. Raining Men (or Cats and Dogs)

Some people (especially women) may shout "Hallelujah!" in this circumstance, but it does make getting to class a tricky job when fully grown men, and the occasional cat or dog, are falling from the sky. Excellent dodgeball skills will serve well in this type of weather, but in general it's a pretty sure way of getting out of class. Not everyone at school is capable of the dodging, dipping, diving and ducking required to avoid a serious injury. Waiting until the weather has passed is the wisest decision in this circumstance.

4. Massive Tidal Wave

The Rappahannock River may seem like a relatively calm body of water, but it has been known to flood in the past. With enough rain, snow and other forms of precipitation, the river could rise high enough to cause a massive tidal wave, forcing students to stay in their perspective dorms. The journey to school would be pretty much impossible for professors, workers and the commuter students. The school would be forced to shut down for at least a week, until the water had receded and the damages had been repaired.

5. Blizzard

Although the chances of this type of weather phenomenon in Virginia are slim to none, it has been known to get classes cancelled a few times in the past. However, the conditions required for this type of weather, as in, not being 80 degrees in January, are so rare in Virginia that it is most likely this will not be happening anytime soon. And usually, even if we are blessed with weather cold enough for snowflakes to form, the chance of them actually sticking to the ground and not melting within twenty seconds is near impossible. It is probably the least likely way for classes to get cancelled.



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MUTEMATH Leaps Over Competition

Band Blends Evolution with Revolution



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By MEGAN KELLY
Staff Writer

Jaw dropping, ridiculous and incredible are the musical experience that is MUTEMATH. For those that already listen to them: congratulations on operating ahead of the musical curve. For those that haven't heard of them: buying their self-titled album, which was released last fall, is worth more than the \$12 it costs. At the very least, burn it from a friend (if you don't have any friends, find me and I will burn you a copy).

The band, originally from New Orleans, consists of vocalist/keyboardist Paul Meany who also uniquely plays the keytar, a keyboard and guitar combination which hangs around the neck; Greg Hill on guitar, Roy Mitchell-Cardenas on bass and Darren King (who seems to be a reincarnation of Keith Moon, drummer extraordinaire of The Who) on drums.

The album is consistently strong. There is no need to skip songs. The first track "Collapse" is a haunting instrumental introduction. While this intro can lull one into a false sense of calmness, the second track "Typical" is an upbeat number which prepares the listener for the rest of the album. Other highlights include "Noticed" and "Control."

If "Collapse" holds the listener's hand while introducing the album, then "Reset," the last song, is the brother who says goodbye by punching his sibling in the arm (maybe that's just my brother). Regardless, it's powerful, full of life and leaves the listener wanting more.

MUTEMATH combines Coldplay-esque melodies with energetic instrumentation, which allows the music to be played in a bedroom or at the gym. Their sound is original and definitely eclectic, although not exactly experimental. Example: the band lists Bjork as an influence, though they aren't quite up to par on that one yet.

However, there should be a warning label on the album. The energy present on the disc is not half of the energy present at a MUTEMATH concert. While their sound may not be too experimental, their style is. Even if the album doesn't strike a chord, seeing them live might.

MUTEMATH is currently the opening act for The Fray, a slightly cheesy piano pop-rock band. Yes, in order to see them, a ticket to The Fray must be purchased. However, MUTEMATH should not be an opening act. They outplay The Fray, and would probably do so to any other band unfortunate enough to go up against them.

MUTEMATH's melodies and lyrics are both great, but for this band, it's really all about the instruments. They don't just know their own instruments intimately; they know each other's instruments as well. When at the keyboard, lead vocalist Meany hops over the instrument while playing, and also plays the keytar while dancing on top of the keyboard. Drummer King has to duct tape his headphones to his head to keep them from falling off. His drumming looks like an uncontrollable seizure, but there can be no doubt that he knows exactly what he is doing. The guitarist can play the keyboard and the bassist can play the drums.

Check out
Myspace.com/
MUTEMATH to hear
songs off their album
and see videos of past
concerts.

News

Mental Health Group Starts UMW Chapter

By STACY HORNE
Staff Writer

Ever had something that you were just dying to tell someone but you couldn't? Is your roommate sleeping with her boyfriend's best friend and no one has a clue? Is the pressure of finals stressing you out so much that you're just not sure how much more you can take?

Active Minds, a mental health advocacy group on campus is trying to set up a program similar to postsecret.com. Flyers on campus encourage students to write their secrets on a post card and send it in. The group then hopes to post them all together on campus. It's a way for students to say what is on their minds without having to worry about what others may think or say about it.

Active Minds is a non-profit organization started at the University of Pennsylvania in 2001 with the goal of providing information about resources available concerning mental health issues on college campuses throughout the country. The organization was created by Alison Malmon after the suicide death of her brother a year earlier.

"The organization is providing the education and support that my brother never received when he was a student; the knowledge that he was not alone, that he could regain a full life and that help was available," Malmon said.

About a year later, a friend of Malmon's, who was attending Georgetown University, started a chapter there. Since that time, it has expanded to 57 campuses across the U.S., including UMW.

UMW Chapter President, Kristina Etheridge, is a senior from Yorktown. She and co-founder Erin Polk, realized that a great number of students didn't

realize that psychological services were available on campus or where they were located. They found out about Active Minds through professors about three years ago and contacted Malmon about opening a campus chapter.

"Our main goal is to provide discussion about mental health in general. We can provide statistics about eating disorders, bi-polar disorders and more and let people know how and where they can get help.

No one would even consider it. Now imagine that two out of three people who break their arm choose not to seek medical attention. It seems crazy but that's what happens with mental illness."

Malmon points out that Active Minds does not provide direct psychological help for students that need it. "It leads students in the direction of the professional health they need. For the students members, it also serves as a support network and avenue for students to discuss their

experiences with mental health and mental health disorders."

The local group thinks that their version of postsecret.com can be a way for students to share their very personal concerns. They feel it would be a therapeutic way to share their thoughts without feeling exposed. "The concerns are out there," Etheridge said. "People just need to realize that they are not alone. Anonymity is definitely a concern, especially on a small campus. This is a way to share their personal stories with complete anonymity."

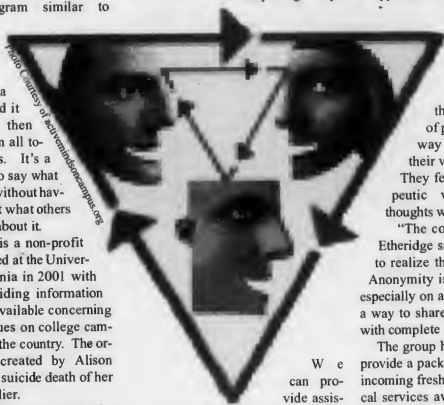
The group has a goal to be able to provide a packet of information to all incoming freshmen about psychological services available on campus, in the community and online. They are also planning for Mental Health Awareness Week in the spring.

"Active Minds has created a voice for thousands of college students to talk about their experiences coping with mental health disorders and to educate their peers about these issues," Malmon said. "The organization, and our campus chapters, is showing all students that issues of mental health are real, they are nobody's fault, and everyone has the right to get the help they need." The UMW chapter meets once a week, at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, in Monroe 201.

friend-to-friend basis and will help in any way possible. We can offer referrals and have a wealth of information into psychological services."

Etheridge said that mental health issues touch everybody's lives in some way. The group brings speakers to campus to talk about issues that may be affecting students. They also want people to feel comfortable about coming to the club and they want to be able to put a face on mental illness.

"Think about someone breaking their arm and doing nothing about it.



We can provide assistance on a

Students React To 'Poop Smell'

MARY DAVID
Contributing Writer

University of Mary Washington alumnus Katie Molinaro, who graduated in December, was giving a campus tour in late September when the unmistakable odor of raw sewage permeated the area of the Woodard Campus Center.

"What is that smell?" a prospective student's mother inquired as she wrinkled her nose in disgust.

According to Molinaro, this was the first of several incidents where she had to explain the odor.

"I would just laugh about it, [and] say 'I'm sure they're working to fix it,'" Molinaro said. "If I'd been able to tell them what it was, it would have been better."

The smell was the result of raw sewage overflowing from a sanitary sewer line into the stream outside of the Eagles Nest, according to Vice President of Facilities Services John Wiltenmuth.

Facilities Services addressed the problem three weeks into the semester. This was not the first time there was a sewage buildup on campus, and Wiltenmuth said it won't be last.

Debris caught in the pipes of a sanitary sewer line in front of the Woodard Campus Center causes sewage buildups and channels waste water into the stream outside of the Eagles Nest. Wind carries the odor from the blockages to various parts of campus.

Wiltenmuth said that although the blockages result from the age and structure of the pipes and that future blockages are likely, there are no specific plans to replace the pipes. He said replacing the most problematic sections of the pipes alone would cost between two and three million dollars.

One student and one faculty member first reported the odor to facilities services on Sept. 19, and the blockage was removed on the same day. Wiltenmuth said that the smell eventually subsided with the passage of time and rainfall.

"It was disgusting," said senior Clare Sanchez. "I don't remember smelling anything like that on our campus in reputation it would be quite honest."

The Bulletin reported an odor around the Jepson Science Center in an editorial in February. Prior to that, there are no records of the smell.

Senior Khamla Nanthana was frustrated by the odor and concerned about the potential health risks.

"It is kind of like an embarrassment, it's like a health standard," she said. "It gave me a headache."

Wiltenmuth said the smell is not hazardous, but students said it still troubles them.

"I smell it and I seriously gag," Sanchez said. "It's like walking in and just opening up some putrid trash and you want to close it immediately."

Senior Taylor Edwards found the smell particularly upsetting.

"When you smell it, it kind of just ruins whatever you're thinking about,"

Edwards said. "It...disrupts your thought process and that part of the day you're kind of disturbed."

Senior Mary Haggerty said it affected her every time she ate a meal on campus.

"It definitely made the food seem worse," she said.

Sophomore Jesse Kopps created a group on Facebook about the smell to vent his aggravation called "About the Poop Smell," and currently it has 39 members. He said it used to have around 70 members, but that the number diminished as the odor receded.

According to Wiltenmuth, the sanitary sewer pipes date back to the 1930s and are susceptible to waste blockages because they are made up of many sections.

Due to the age and number of segments of the pipes, materials such as tree roots get caught in the middle or on the pipes' edges.

The debris impedes the regular course of waste through the sewer lines, causing an overflow into the stream between Seabrook Hall and the Eagles Nest. He added that man hole lids can vent sewer gases and expel unpleasant aromas around the Campus Center.

Senior Michele Carneiro described the smells from the gases around the Campus Center as "repulsive."

"I will literally run through that area to get away," she said.

Wiltenmuth said "a capital project" to replace sections of the pipe has been discussed, but further action has not been taken.

"No specific plans have been submitted to the state for funding or approval at this date," Wiltenmuth said.

Some students said that while they found the smell aggravating, it did not affect their daily routines.

"I know it grossed me out, but it never really affected me that much," senior Peter Rydell said.

Senior Kyle Coppinger said he just "dealt with it" and held his breath when he walked by the Campus Center.

Others expressed concern about how the smell would affect the University's reputation.

"I mean, tours come around campus all the time, and if there's a sewage smell, it's really going to deter from the image that [the University] has," Edwards said.

Molinaro, the University of Mary Washington tour guide, worried about what prospective students would think as well.

"I hope that someone wouldn't make their decision [on whether to attend the University] just based on that, but I also hope they don't go back and say, 'Oh, Mary Washington was a school that smells bad.'"

Kopps, the student who started the "About the Poop Smell" Facebook group, hopes that the University finds a permanent solution to the problem soon. "It's obviously a problem that should be fixed," he said.

"Nothing good comes from the poop smell."

"It's obviously a problem that should be fixed. Nothing good comes from the poop smell."

—Jesse Kopps

Rescue Officials Overlook Treed Cat, Students Step In

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tified and it was tying up police lines."

Jeff May, who had been following the developments with the cat throughout the day, went to the police station himself and also was told that the police could not do anything. However, according to May, a woman working at the station said that if he or any other students had the resources to do so, they could try to get to the cat. She warned him to be careful.

Later that day some students attempted to use rappelling equipment to hoist a person up into the tree. May, observing the situation, volunteered to be lifted into the tree.

"I take animal rights seriously, and I don't distinguish it from human rights; human rights is a more specific angle of animal rights," May said.

However, things became more complicated when the rope became stuck, and the fire department was called to help get May out of the tree. Soon after the call was made, May was able to loosen the rope and began to climb down, but UMW Police Sgt. Harold Sims, who had been alerted to the scene by the fire department call, forbade him from coming down until the fire department had arrived. Because he was now present, Sims argued, he was liable for the safety of those students involved.

While May was still in the tree waiting for the fire department to arrive, Sims requested information about his name and residence hall. May responded by asking why the officer needed such information.

"I asked that because if he was going to interrogate me, I wanted him to wait until I was out of the tree," May said.

According to May and several

other students, Sims became irritated at May's hesitancy. Sarah Alice Coleman, a freshman bystander at the scene, remarked that Sims responded by calling May a "smart ass" and saying that he could find out the information on his own.

"While I understand that he was responsible for the safety of the people involved, I feel like the campus police officer immediately treated them as if they were guilty of something, without telling them exactly what school rules were broken," Coleman said.

In a later statement Sims defended his actions, saying that by not answering the officer's questions, May was not obeying the University Student Handbook clause that demands students cooperate with University officials who are "attempting to enforce the policies and procedures of the University."

"In emergency situations cooperation is paramount," he said.

The fire department arrived soon thereafter, raising a ladder up the side of the tree to get May down. Some students requested that the fire marshals try to get the cat nearby while they had the equipment to do so. The fire department again refused, claiming it to be too dangerous.

Jessica Kidder, a freshman bystander, disagreed with the fire department's reluctance to help the cat.

"Since the ladder was at least five feet from the cat you'd think they could've quickly rescued it," she said.

The fire marshals, however, who had been to campus earlier in the day and were berated by students when they informed them there was nothing they could do, were less than eager to jeopardize the lives of people to help the cat.

After the ordeal, Sims requested that the involved students come to

the station to issue a statement. At this point, according to on-lookers, many people quickly dispersed. Remaining were only three students—May and two freshmen who had been assisting with holding the ropes.

One of the freshmen, Will Evans, remarked on how the police responded to student inquiries as to how they might possibly be punished.

"The whole situation was just so absurd," Evans said.

All of the students issued statements at the police department and talked to the residence life officer.

The freshmen have so far not been charged with any policy violations, or been informed of having to pay a fine. May's actions, however, might have consequences.

May remarked that in his meeting with Judicial Review Director Raymond Tuttle, he found that he might be able to avoid being held responsible for climbing the tree if he can corroborate the statement made by the woman at the police station giving him permission to try and help the animal using his own means.

As for his actions with the police officer, May maintains that he was not trying to be uncooperative.

"I am being accused for being non-compliant with a police officer," May said. "However, I believe this was a misunderstanding and that he must not have heard me."

Sims acknowledged that he understood May might have been nervous or wary at the time, but that he still was obliged to answer his questions.

"The primary function [of the campus police] is to preserve life and protect property," Sims said. "The student's safety is our main concern."

The cat reportedly survived.

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Viewpoints

Sexclimations Reduction Act Reduces Access

By Elz England, Staff Writer



The fiscal irresponsibility of the United States government left the legacy of a 318.62 billion dollar budget deficit in 2005. In light of such an overwhelming figure, Congress passed the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. Subtitle A of Title VI may reach into your pocket.

What does this have to do with sex you ask? This provision of the Deficit Reduction Act changed the Mary Washington Health Center's ability to purchase certain drugs, including particular types of hormonal birth control.

Prior to the Deficit Reduction Act, the Omnibus Reconciliation Act (ORA) of 1990 required pharmaceutical companies to offer certain discounted rates to "340B agencies" and Medicaid. "340B agencies" are those covered by a section of the Public Health Services Act.

This discounted rate used to be calculated based on the Average Manufacturer Price (AMP). Certain exclusions built into the equation allowed for the AMP to appear higher than it actually was. However, a seemingly higher AMP allowed for pharmaceutical companies to offer the same discounted rate to colleges, Planned Parenthoods and certain clinics.

The Deficit Reduction Act eliminated exceptions within the calculation of the AMP in order to lower the AMP and thus force pharmaceutical companies to provide even cheaper medication. Hence this Act dealt the pharmaceutical companies a financial blow.

In order to cope with profit loss, the companies no longer offer a reduced rate to groups that the ORA of 1990 did not enumerate. Colleges, Planned Parenthoods and many clinics will no longer have the ability to purchase discounted medication.

However, do not let the federal budget deficit, the really big words or the ramifications of this new act scare you. You will still have access to birth control, but it may become more expensive.

The most immediate consequence is that the Health Center will not be able to offer the NuvaRing on campus.

Timmye Ross, the registered nurse for the Women's Clinic, explained that they do have a very small inventory of NuvaRings, but they are

reserved for people who are currently on the NuvaRing and have paid for a certain amount.

So, if you ordered and paid for NuvaRings through the Health Center, do not worry. You can retrieve them on a monthly basis.

If you wish to begin on the NuvaRing you have several options. You may still go to the Women's Clinic where you will discuss birth control options and obtain a prescription.

Nurse Ross recommends checking with your insurance, because some plans allow for a relatively cheap NuvaRing, around \$15. Or, you may purchase it at the standard price which can be about \$50. An inconvenient option is to look into Planned Parenthoods. Although they lost the funding rate also, their greater amount of discount allows for them to absorb some of the cost. For example, Richmond Planned Parenthood sells the NuvaRing at \$25.

Birth control pills will stay the same very low rate (\$3.50 for a pack of Ortho Tri-Cyclen) for awhile until the inventory is depleted. For awhile the price may rise to \$15 to 20 a pack, but this is still much cheaper than any other option.

Ultimately the Health Center will be exploring other options this semester, such as going generic on certain brands, in order to keep the costs low.

Regardless of the consequences of the Deficit Reduction Act, Nurse Ross would like to remind students that the Women's Clinic is still "a good bargain."

Personally, I would like to remind students that while birth control may be a bit more expensive now, a baby is exceedingly expensive. Take every precaution when having sex, because it will save you money in the long run.

If you have the burning desire to immerse yourself in legal jargon to further investigate this issue, look at page 51 of the following pdf document online: webgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=109_cong_bills&docid=f:s1932.enr.txt.pdf.

In the spirit of the upcoming holiday, the Peer Wellness Educators will be selling condoms in the Nest on Feb. 8, 9, 12 and 13. Stop by and send your loved one or really liked one a condom with Valentine flair. The recipients will find your gift in their mailboxes on the big day. Be sure to promote (and practice) safe sex this Valentine's Day.

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Gender Roles Are Not Natural

This letter was written in response to "Where Do Gender Roles Come From?" (Jan. 25, 2007, *Bullet*).

Dear Editor:

In response to Dan Coo's Sexclimations column on gender roles: yet again, I am amused by Coo's total lack of tact and knowledge on the subject of sex and gender.

It is clear that Coo has never taken a class in anthropology, for he would have learned that gender roles are determined mostly by nurture—not nature, as he claims.

Take, for example, the classic ethnography *Sex and Temperament* by Margaret Mead. In it, Mead discusses the Chambri, a group of people who live in Papua New Guinea.

Mead shows how the stereotypical gender

roles of men and women are switched among the Chambri: women are aggressive, men are passive; men are nurturing, women not so much so.

This is but one example of reversed gender roles and contributes to the theory that gender roles do not, in fact, exist in nature, but are created by social norms and environments.

I would have been delighted if Coo had backed up his arguments with actual data or statistics, but, unsurprisingly, he did not, preferring to spout off his own opinions.

Please, Mr. Coo, the next time you write a Sexclimations column that will grace the pages of our much respected *Bullet*, please try to look beyond your own viewpoint—and maybe do some research.

Jenny Stout is a junior.

The Article Drove Me Crazy

This letter was written in response to "Hey Virginia! Learn How To Drive!" (Jan. 25, 2007, *The Bullet*).

Dear Editor:

I was amazed at Tierney McAfee's highly derogatory "Hey Virginia, Learn How To Drive!"

Putting aside for the moment her suspect assertion that people from Pennsylvania are somehow inherently better drivers than any people from other states, her assumption that Virginians are responsible for all inclement weather accidents on

Interstate 95 was flawed at best.

On any given day, the traffic volume on I95 is comprised of at most 80 percent vehicles with Virginia tags. Many people use the highway to commute from neighboring states (MD, PA, DC) and others are merely on their way to seasonal destinations (FL and NY, I'm looking at you).

Even if we were to accept that all inclement weather accidents on I-95 were caused by cars with Virginia tags, she needs to consider that most people with cars registered here did not learn to drive in Virginia.

Northern Virginia in particular has a high population of transplants from other states, here to work for the government or Beltway bandits.

Just because someone's license plate says Virginia does not mean they have always lived here.

Robert Chapman is a senior.

Tiers To You, Kid!

By Tierney Plumb, Associate Editor

As freshmen pilgrims, we immigrate into Fredericksburg from all over world (such as Northern Virginia, New Jersey and New York). But "Freddies" are the natives who settled here first, until we took over part of their land in 1908.

The century-long question continues: can we co-exist?

As a freshman, rarely does one escape the confines of UMW's brick landscape. Besides the occasional walk to Giant or sitting next to a Freddie on the Fred, the two species remain isolated.

But with cars comes curiosity of what lies beyond the bubble of our southern hospitable campus.

My first boyfriend in college did not even go to UMW. He was, in fact, a Freddie, and I met him at the Loft on a Wednesday night.

Before Joe, I had a short fling with Brian, a local firefighter. I knew it wouldn't work out after we ate a 5 a.m. late-night breakfast at Waffle House (his friends' favorite hangout since they were 16) and Brian's high school friend started hitting on him. She was our pregnant waitress.

But my boyfriend Joe proved to me all Freds aren't the same. He took me on long driving excursions to scenic and historic parts of his hometown in Stafford. I would never have gotten the same tour from a Mary Wash boy, without getting lost on the way back to campus.

Then there was Kelly from T.G.I. Friday's on Super Bowl Sunday. She was a 35-year-old, interested in dance parties, younger men and looking to relieve her college days vicariously through us. Needless to say, we declined giving her our guy friends' numbers.

This Sunday, you might venture out to such local bars such as Buffalo Wing Factory (BW3's) and Fatty J's. I met my first Freddie at BW3's freshman year and he gave me his num-

ber on a matchbook. He proceeded to hurry home, since he said he had, "three kids waitin' for me." I kept the 540 number as a memento of a dad attempting to pick me up.

Point is, Fredericksburg is home to a melting pot of different people and cultures on any night of the week.

Marines flock from nearby Quantico to crowd Brock's Riverside Bar & Grill every Thursday and Friday for 50 cent drafts and young college women. Or there are the pink lipstick-wearing femmes in the bathroom always up for a round of gossip. Upon exiting one stall I was handed a Bud Light T-shirt from a woman promoting the beer.

Is this a normal rapport to have with our Freds?

In order to devise a comparable relationship of college students to their surrounding community, I looked nearby.

At Radford University, my friends go to Mi Puerto every Friday night to visit "Shorty," their 30-year-old Mexican waiter who is full of compliments and dishes out margaritas and (consistently rejected) invites to go out with him after close.

But 25,000 18-to-21-year-old Tech students call Blacksburg their home, and they rule the town. The bar I went to, Tot's, was wall-to-wall orange and maroon.

Radford's bar, BT's, reminded me of Brock's on a Friday night: Raddies and Radford students experiencing limited interaction both on the dance floor and in the bathroom.

Maybe it's territorial, or maybe it's an unspoken rule of college life. As a NOVA native, I've been shunned from the established college community. At home over breaks, GMU students give my friends and I menacing stares as we parade into "their" bar.

But four years is a long time to ignore your surroundings. After all, you could someday be a Freddie. Or you could marry one.

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Sports

Basketball Rallies For Home Win

Eagles Beat Marymount, 59-54

By **MONICA OWENS**
Staff Writer

The stands were rowdy, fans were screaming and the adrenaline was high.

There was never a question as to whether the Eagles were ready to beat their long-time rivals, the Marymount Saints, at home court.

It was with this motivation, as well as their desire to be number one in the CAC conference, that lead the team to victory.

Junior Sarah Flanagan reflected on the intensity of the UMW-Marymount

rivalry.

"Playing Marymount is always a huge game for us, especially this year since they beat us in the CAC Championship last year and the win gave us sole possession of first place going into the second half of conference play," she said. "Also, the last time we played them on our court they won, and we weren't going to let that happen again."

The Eagle's desire to dominate their opponents was apparent when they stepped out on the paint, and although the Saints were the first to score it didn't take long for the Eagles to gain a lead.

After assuming a 5-4 lead just minutes into the game, the Eagle women never looked back.

Thanks to junior guard Sarah Flanagan's three three pointers and a shot of 43 percent from the floor, UMW entered the second half with a 38-27 lead.

Despite the Saints aggressive character, the Eagles entered their second half with renewed enthusiasm, delivering a superior game.

Marymount cut the score's deficit to 59-54 with 3:51 remaining, but the Eagle's held them at arms length and a reverse layup by Liz Hickey spurred a fifteen point run to close the game.

Junior Amanda Bates reflected on Marymount's skills on the

court.

"Marymount always plays us tough because they are a very physical team," she said. "I think we did a good job responding to their physical play with good decision making and unselfish play."

Senior Debbie Bruen attributes the team's win to defensive strategy.

"Our defensive intensity has really picked up in the past couple of games. Catholic and Marymount were not able to handle our pressure," she said. "We definitely need to keep this up in the next couple of games and continue to play as a team."

Head coach Deena Applebury is excited about the teams win.

"It was a great win. A lot of the kids stepped up, there was a lot of intensity, and Flanagan was on fire," she said.

Flanagan boasted 21 points in the second half, 5 of which were 3 pointers.

Junior center Liz Hickey tallied 11 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots, and Bruen with twelve points and seven rebounds.

The Eagle women carried their winning streak further into the week, capturing several wins on the road to both Hood College and Bridgewater College.

Senior Lisa Tracey expresses her optimism for the team's future.

"After losing two games early this season, we were inspired even more to win," she said. "With continuous im-



Courtesy Clint Offen

Junior Amanda Bates shoots a free throw at Thursday's game. The Eagles are ranked number one in the Capital Athletic Conference.

provement, we have the potential to do big things this year."

The Eagles hope to maintain their winning streak on Saturday in a Conference matchup with number two ranked York College.

*The Eagle Women
are currently
ranked number one
in the CAC
Conference.*

Eagle Men Lose By A Very Slim Margin

► **BASKETBALL, page 12**

play and it effects how I coach. There's not a whole lot we can do about the injury so we need people to step up."

Freshman Ben Stokes "stepped up" at Thursday's game, when he came off the bench to score 11 points, three three-pointers and two free throws, in just nine minutes on the court.

Wood was impressed with Stokes' improvement.

"There were things Stokes didn't do in previous games that I showed him on tape that he did last night," he said.

Stokes reflected on this meeting.

"We had a conference and he showed me specific spots on the floor to get to, to help

me get open," he said.

Senior Justin Baker contributed phenomenally, tallying seven rebounds, 11 points and 11 assists for the Eagle men. However, he notes where there is room for both individual and team improvement.

"We can play better, and once we get clicking on all cylinders, we will be a very hard team to stop," he said.

Tracey notes the Eagle advantage in future home games.

"We are probably going to be the most experienced team in the conference down the stretch so we know the level we have to play at, whereas other teams have to play younger players where they aren't very experienced, so that should play in our favor," Tracey said.

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Sports

Saints March In, Stomp On Eagle Men (77-73)

By JENICA SEMLER
Staff Writer

When Thursday's game against Marymount University ended and the Saints had won, the University of Mary Washington's fans filed out of Goolrick Gymnasium in near silence. It was the first home game this season that the Eagles lost.

Despite their best efforts, the University of Mary Washington's men's basketball team lost 77 to 73 in a close home game against Marymount University.

Following Saturday's game at Hood College in the CAC Contest, the team's record is now 12-6 overall, and 6-4 within the Capital Athletic Conference, leaving them tied for second place in the CAC.

Head Coach Rod Wood was despondent about the team's performance.

"Execution wise, it wasn't the greatest of games offensively or defensively, but we played hard," he said.

The Eagles led for the majority of the first half, at times by up to 12 points. The two teams struggled back and forth and at the end of the second half, and with 26 seconds left in the game, the score was 73 to 74.

Sophomore Matt Tracey reflected on the team's faults.

"We had a problem putting them away," he said. "We couldn't push our lead to 15 or 20 which would have sealed the game."

Coch Wood agreed.

"I think it's flattering when people say, 'how come you lost?'" he said. "In order to win, every single guy on the team must play at 100 percent mentally and physically. It's draining. It's not like they get a breather, they have to do it every single night. What you want as a Coach is for them to play as close to their talent level as possible. You want your kids to achieve their potential."

This group collectively plays as close as any I've ever coached. I couldn't be happier with a group of young men."

This season, Wood's players are just as dedicated to each other and the team as he is to them.

Senior Mike Lee, a guard and an integral part of the men's team, discovered a stress fracture in his fibula on January 19th of this year, after

having been in pain all season. Lee refuses to let the injury stop him. When off the court, he uses crutches and goes to physical therapy. In addition to stretching, Lee treats his leg with an ice bucket, steam and heat at least twice a day.

"We don't want to strengthen it right now," he said. "It gets enough pounding during games."

Despite being advised to sit out for four to six weeks, Lee refuses to leave his team behind.

"I'm playing anyways," he said. "It's pretty painful, but I feel it would be a lot more painful if I never gave it a try. The reason I'm willing to play under these circumstances is because I know we have a team that is good enough to win," he said. "I'm not playing with a stress fracture just because it's my senior year. I'm doing it because the guys that I'm playing with are my family. Just like you would do anything for your natural family, I would

do anything for my teammates and coaches.

Coach Wood has played the roles of a boss, a friend, as well as a father on and off the court. I don't mind playing the last couple games with a broken bone to show my appreciation for that."

It's understood by everyone on the team that Mike's decision to play is not only causing him great physical pain but also jeopardizes his future.

Senior Justin Baker admired Lee's dedication.

"I think Mike is a great example because he shows everyone including all the younger players how much he wants to win and how much of his possible professional career he's sacrificing just to help us achieve our team goal," he said.

Despite his injuries, coach Wood argues that Lee is playing more of a team game.

"Freshman and sophomore year Mike was more of a scorer while the rest of his game lagged behind," Wood said. "Since then he's really matured as a player. And now his injury affects his shot because he has less strength and one leg essentially. He knows he's not as much a scoring threat so he's raised his game in other areas: rebounding, defensively, finding the open man

on our team, etc. Other than the stress fracture his game has really blossomed."

Lee played for 31 minutes on Thursday. He had seven defensive rebounds and scored 15 points. The high scorer for the Eagles was senior AJ Fitzgerald with 17 points.

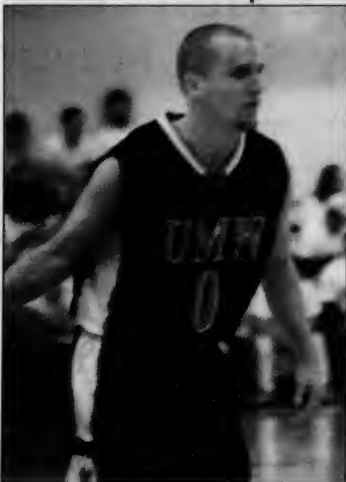
"I know how much pain Mike is in and exactly what he's going through and for him to play at the level he is, especially in the last two games—is nothing short of remarkable," Wood said. "[But] it does effect his

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Seniors Justin Baker and Mike Lee practice for an upcoming game. The Eagle men lost 77-73 on Thursday.

Courtesy Jeff Mankie/Examiner



Sophomore Matt Hale dribbles the ball.

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Upcoming Events

Jan 3 - Women's Basketball vs York College, 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. York College, 4 p.m.
Jan 6 - Women's Basketball vs Salisbury, 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Salisbury, 8 p.m.

